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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Senator Bill Bradley (D., NJ)
on Iran-Iraq

25X1 1. On 25 April 1984, Sen. Bill Bradley (D., NJ) was briefed in his office, along with staffers Bill Taylor and Gina Despres on the current situation in the Persian Gulf. The briefer was [] DDI/NESA. The briefing was conducted at the SECRET level. [] 25X1

25X1 2. Sen. Bradley was particularly interested in being updated on Iranian efforts to export their revolution to neighboring Islamic states. To set the stage for this discussion, [] first presented the current picture on the Iran-Iraq battlefront. This was followed by an explanation of the factors influencing the stability of the political leadership in both Tehran and Baghdad. There was considerable discussion about the rotating predominance of clerics and civilians in the Iranian government, suggesting that Khomeini's rise to power is not without precedence. Saddam Hussein's control over his religiously divided population in Iraq was also analyzed. Mr. Bradley then directed the briefing to Iranian efforts to undermine Sunni ruling families in other Gulf states through subversion and establishment of cells by Iranian-trained Dawa Party members. The difficulty of establishing a productive US policy in the region was also discussed. [] 25X1

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3. Mr. Bradley was receptive to the possibility of receiving further DI briefings on the spread of Islamic fundamentalism. We also will make available to him several DI publications on the topic. Mr. Bradley was highly appreciative of the hour-long briefing and the prospect of follow-up efforts.

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